

from me or some general officer to the contrary. I took the matter up with Corps Headquarters (II British Corps) and they told me we could have that particular camp. I moved one-half of the Engineer Train to same camp to be used by the 2d Battalion in hauling supplies to its various jobs. Although the camps contain several platoons, the work is scattered over an area several miles in diameter. I spent most of the day in camp catching up on routine office work.

*July 13, 1918, Saturday.* I was made very glad today by the return to camp of the nine officers who had come over to France as an advance party of the regiment. All the party returned looking pictures of health and all seemed very glad to be back with the regiment. We have been very handicapped in our work by their absence. They all reported a very successful session of the Army School which they attended. At the time we made the three-day march referred to about ten days ago there were 21 officers absent from the regiment, and it made it very much harder to handle the regiment on the march. At that time both Majors were absent on "school duty."

The 2d Battalion officers were sent over to their respective commands this p. m. I went over with them in order to see that everything was all right at the camps, and to be sure that arrangements for handling rations and forage were satisfactory. Major Cothran went with us and we all walked. I pointed out the places of interest, particularly such places as Mount Kemmel, now occupied by the Germans, and which commands a view of the greater part of the Ypres sector. Many of our roads have had to be screened to keep the Germans from observing what we were doing and hauling. One "danger corner" is in full view of Kemmel.

At one corner, the junction of the "Duffield Road" with the Pope-ringhe Road, International Corner, the German artillery have registered on this road with at least four heavy shells, three of which are in the corners.

On the return trip Major Cothran and I came by the camp occupied by the 1½ platoons under Lieutenant Ellicott. We tried to take some short cuts but the roads we went on twisted and turned so much that we gained but very little if any.

*July 14, Sunday.* Sundays are not the days of rest and relaxation that I would like to have; the work goes on just about the same as on other days. I did keep the men off work, but this was ob-